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Statement showing expenditure on minor irrigation works during 1930–31 *and* 1931–32.

District.	Expenditure on works in 1930–31.	Expenditure on works in 1931–32.	District.	Expenditure on works in 1930–31.	Expenditure on works in 1931–32.
	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
Ganjam ..	62,525	66,364	North Arcot ..	1,09,520	1,90,497
Vizagapatam ..	54,516	45,571	South Arcot ..	1,37,861	1,58,771
Godavari, East.	63,874	62,887	Tanjore ..	53,935	41,738
Godavari, West.	28,511	29,047	Trichinopoly ..	71,901	61,816
Kistna	23,702	10,929	Madura	84,055	66,281
Guntur	51,405	55,350	Ramnad ..	73,999	72,000
Nellore	37,329	46,836	Tinnevelly ..	91,637	71,122
Cuddapah ..	72,970	51,792	Coimbatore ..	10,285	23,551
Anantapur ..	59,404	53,197	Salem	90,992	61,315
Bellary	16,401	22,839	Malabar ..	55	55
Kurnool ..	31,962	18,932			
Madras	2,492	50	Total ..	13,57,961	14,28,121
Chingleput ..	86,618	1,44,195			
Chittoor ..	42,012	72,986			

Appendix IV.

[Vide answer to question No. 650 asked by Mr. A. B. Shetty at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 21st February 1934, page 18 supra.]

Resolutions passed at the Conference of landholders of South Kanara held at Puttur on 3rd December 1933.

I. " That this Conference expresses its keen regret that at a time when there is such unprecedented economic distress, privation and misery prevailing amongst the agriculturists of this district the Government should, in spite of all representations, be still persisting in introducing resettlement in this district.

" This Conference earnestly appeals to Government to drop all further resettlement operations in the district until the present distress is well-tided over and the principles of Land Revenue and Settlement are put on a statutory basis by the new legislatures which are shortly to come into being."

Proposed by Dr. K. Vittal Shetty, seconded by Mr. Shankernarayana Rao and supported by Mr. K. S. Adiga and Mr. Kasaragod Narasinga Nayak.

The resolution was put to vote and was carried unanimously.

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II. " That the present prices of rice which is the main agricultural produce of this district, are below even the commutation rate at the last settlement whilst the standard and cost of life and taxes in various shapes have gone up very much since the introduction of the last settlement. The whole basis of the settlement has altogether failed in its practical application to the conditions now prevailing with the result that it has become impossible to pay the existing assessment in its entirety. This Conference therefore requests Government to remit at least 25 per cent of the assessment in the district in the current year failing which bankruptcy of the agriculturists is inevitable."

Proposed by Mr. Dharmasthal Manjaya Hegde, seconded by Mr. Mahmud Schamnad, M.L.C., supported by Mr. Collerkeri Krishna Rao and Mr. Achinadka Nagappaya.

The resolution was put to vote and was carried unanimously.

III. " That whilst most civilized Governments are making herculean efforts to counteract the evil effects of the present depression, particularly amongst the agriculturist classes, by various means such as extension of credit, granting of subsidies, retrenchment in salaries and establishments and fixation of exchange, this Conference is pained and surprised to find that the Indian and the Provincial Governments are making no serious attempts whatever to do any of these things. Their main concern appears to be the collection of revenue at all costs whilst the Government's leech-like policy to the ratio of 1s. 6d. has gravely accentuated the present distress. This Conference, therefore, requests the Governments, Indian and Provincial, to take up the problems seriously and undertake real ameliorative measures and give immediate relief to the agriculturists."

Proposed by Mr. K. R. Achar and seconded by Mr. U. C. S. Bhatt, M.L.C.

The resolution was put to vote and was carried unanimously.

IV. " (*a*) That this Conference wholeheartedly supports the memorandum recently submitted by the Secretary of the Association to the Hon. the Law Member on the withdrawal of the forest concessions in the district and submits to Government that it is entirely erroneous to call the rights in question 'concessions.' They are really the immemorial rights and privileges of the landholders of this district. The Conference therefore most emphatically submits that any infringement of the said rights will make cultivation in this district practically impossible. Whilst deploring the recent withdrawal of the 'concessions' in some of the reserves and the threatened withdrawal in others this Conference requests Government to cancel the order of withdrawal at once.

" (*b*) This Conference views with alarm the attempts by the Forest Department to afforest fresh reserves near highly cultivated areas round about the village of Puncha in the Puttur taluk. The

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Conference requests Government not to create fresh reserves in the district. On the other hand it requests Government to disafforest the coastal reserves and make lands available for cultivation to the increasing population of the coastal parts of the district.

" (*c*) This Conference desires to bring to the notice of the Government that great hardship is being caused to the ryots residing in the vicinity of the reserve forests of this district by entirely closing the reserves for grazing in case of accidental fires to the reserves for which the ryots are not responsible and by charging rent for channel water flowing from the reserves to lands under cultivation.

" (*d*) This Conference submits to Government that on account of the increasing density and forest growth in the reserves, the areas available for grazing are becoming less and less. This Conference submits that the cattle in this district, particularly bovine, are small and puny compared with the cattle of the East Coast districts. The grazing fees on the large number of cattle kept by a ryot mostly for purposes of manure or cultivation fall very heavily on the poor ryots. This Conference therefore requests Government to cancel the fees and make gazing totally free or at least to charge nominal fees.

" (*e*) This Conference views with grave concern the solicitude of Government to preserve wild life in the province which in this district at any rate is causing irreparable hardship, loss and misery to human life, cattle and crops of the cultivators of the district."

Proposed by Mr. J. A. Saldanha, EX-M.L.C., seconded by Reverend Father Siqueira, and supported by Mr. Brahmavar Thimmannachar, Mr. Bellare Narayana Sheka, and Mr. Kilar Ramachandraya.

The resolution was put to vote and was carried unanimously.

V. " (*a*) This Conference requests the Members of the Legislative Council of the district to introduce a Bill in the Legislative Council to facilitate the easy collection of rents from tenants as the remedy of civil litigation is extremely tardy and ruinous to the landlord and the tenant.

" (*b*) This Conference requests the Members of the Legislative Council of the district and the President of this Conference to do their best in the matter of the above resolutions."

Proposed by Mr. Kasaragod Narsing Nayak and seconded by Mr. N. S. Krishna Rao.

The resolution was put to vote and was carried unanimously.